



**GEO-
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Connecticut Valley
Chapter

**2026 Spring Geotechnical Seminar
TPC River Highlands
Cromwell, Connecticut
April 24, 2026**



The 2026 Spring Geotechnical Seminar explores Environmental Geotechnics and Earth Retaining Structures, featuring additional presentations on owners' perceptions of Geotechnical Engineers and Engineering Ethics.

Seven (7) New York State PDHs will be offered
Questions and discussion will follow each presentation

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Exhibitor Setup
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Full Breakfast & Registration
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Remarks
8:10 AM – 9:00 AM	Measuring Hydraulic Conductivity for Groundwater Investigations and Contaminant Transport Don J. DeGroot, ScD, PE, University of Massachusetts – Amherst
9:05 AM – 9:30 AM	Go/No-Go Drawings for Excavation of Ash Pond – Case Study Katherine Coco, PE, Haley & Aldrich
9:35 AM – 9:55 AM	Morning Break with Exhibitors and Refreshments
10:00 AM - 10:25 AM	Value Engineering using LDCC and Modular Block Walls Rick Smith, PG, CJ Geo Contractors
10:30 AM - 10:55 AM	Urban Fill Reuse: Economic Advantages and Ethical Responsibility Ashley L. Sullivan, PE, and Lori McCarthy, LSP, O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun Associates
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Walk Bridge: Geotechnical Contingency Planning Michael Mendick, PE, CCM, and Richard J. Leso, PE, Connecticut DOT
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	Presentation of 2026 GEO-CT Student Scholarship Awards
12:00 PM - 12:55 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors & Golf Putting Tournament
1:00 PM - 1:20 PM	ISS to SOE - The Many Applications of Soil Mixing Nathan Coughenour, PE, Geo-Solutions, Inc.
1:25 PM - 2:15 PM	Fifty Years of Slurry Walls and In Situ Mixing for Construction of Vertical Barriers Jeffrey C. Evans, PhD, PE, BC.GE, F.ASCE, Parsons Corporation and Bucknell University
2:20 PM – 2:40 PM	Afternoon Break with Exhibitors
2:45 PM - 3:05 PM	Subsurface Vertical Barriers in Environmental Remediation: Containment, Control, and In-Situ Treatment Dane Woo, Geo-Solutions, Inc.
3:10 PM – 3:55 PM	Workplace Strategies for Ethical Challenges David Williams, PhD, PE, BC.WRE, F.ASCE, F.EWRI, CFM, CPESC, PH, David T. Williams and Associates, LLC
4:00 PM	Closing Remarks

To receive PDH credits: check out at the registration table upon your departure